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SUBJECT: CERP 0002 - FOURTH SESSION OF ROMANIA/MADAGASCAR

JOINT COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY. AT THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE ROMANIA/MADAGASCAR JOINT COMMISSION, HELD IN MADAGASCAR MARCH 13-18, SEVERAL PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED WHICH IF FULLY IMPLEMENTED WOULD PLACE ROMANIA AMONG THE TOP AID DONORS TO MADAGASCAR, AT LEAST IN VARIETY OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. END SUMMARY.

2. TWO DOCUMENTS WERE SIGNED ON MARCH 18 BY MR. DIMITRI NISTOR, THE ROMANIAN VICE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, AND MR. CHRISTIAN REMI RICHARD, MADAGASCAR'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ROMANIA/MADAGASCAR HEALTH AND VETERINARY CONVENTION, PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE SIGNATURES, AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ROMANIA/MADAGASCAR BILATERAL RELATIONS, MR. CHRISTIAN REMI RICHARD REPORTED THAT:

(A) THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN STARTED

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OR THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED:

-- THE PARTICIPATION OF ROMANIA IN THE DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTION OF THE TAMATAVE OIL REFINERY, IN PARTICULAR THE CREATION OF A TAR COMPLEX;

-- THE EXPLOITATION OF IRON DEPOSITS IN SOALALA, TO BE PERFORMED BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM IN WHICH MADAGASCAR WILL HOLD THE MAJORITY OF CAPITAL AND ROMANIA

TEN PERCENT;

-- DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX FOR COTTON, SUNFLOWER (TURNESOL) AND CORN IN THE TULEAR AREA. THE TWO PARTIES AGREED TO START WITH 5,000 HA. WHICH CAN BE EXTENDED TO 10,000 HA. IN THE FUTURE;

-- THE POSSIBILITY OF MOUNTING ASSEMBLY PLANTS FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND TRACTORS.

(B) THE NEW PROJECTS THAT BOTH PARTIES HAVE IDENTIFIED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ARE:

-- PARTICIPATION OF ROMANIA IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRON-SMELTING PLANT IN MORAMANGA;

-- DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POULTRY, PIG MEATS, MILK, AND ANIMAL FEED;

-- ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS TO USE THE COAL OF SAKOA;

-- CREATION OF CENTERS FOR HANDICRAFT DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF SPORTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES;

-- SUPPLY OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (AGRICULTURAL, FIRE-FIGHTING, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ETC.);

(C) THE TRADE BALANCE IS CLEARLY IN FAVOR OF ROMANIA AND BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESTORE EQUILIBRIUM.

(D) CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO REACHING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

-- SENDING ROMANIAN TEACHERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MADAGASCAR;

-- INCREASING UNIVERSITY GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS;

-- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND VISITS BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, AND FOR THE VEHICLE ASSEMBLY PLANT PROJECT;

-- EXCHANGES IN THE SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND YOUTH FIELDS;

-- EXCHANGES OF DOCUMENTATION ON SOCIALIST ECONOMY AND MANAGEMENT. BARRETT

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